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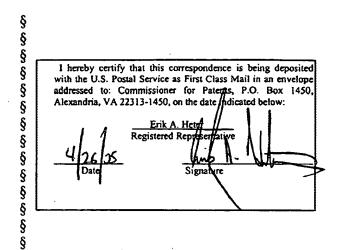
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REQUEST FOR REFUND OF FILING FEE

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37 C.F.R. §1.26 authorizes the Patent Office to refund any fee paid by actual mistake or in excess of that required. While a "mere change of purpose" after an application is filed will not entitle a party to demand such a return, the present case clearly falls within the former classification of a fee paid in mistake or in excess of that required. Thus, Applicants respectfully request a refund in the amount of \$500.00 for the Notice of Appeal fee paid on March 4, 2005.

Copies of the two Notices of Appeals and Fee Authorizations accompany this request.

If the Commissioner has any questions, the undersigned earnestly equests a telephone interview.

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